

FIRE AT SEA.

By the steamship *American*, which arrived at Liverpool on the 21st September from Baltimore, intelligence was received of the burning at sea of the Liverpool steamer *Diego*. On September 19, in lat. 50° 55' N., lon. 184° 10' W., noon, the *American* sighted the cargo ship *Diego*, of 1,000 tons, N.B., sailing to Liverpool. The engines were stopped, and it was found that she had on board the crew of the steamer *Diego*, which vessel was destroyed by fire on the 6th Sept. The captain of the *American*, not having sufficient water on board, asked the *American* to take all or a portion of the crew to Liverpool, which Captain Wallace had no time to do, the *American* sighted the cargo ship *Diego*, which was affected with all speed, and the *American* proceeded for Liverpool at 1:30 p.m. The remainder of the crew of the *Diego* (33 men) remained on board the *American* with timber and bound for Dublin. The particulars of the disaster are as follows:—The *Diego*, a 1,000-ton vessel, was bound to Manila. H. Fletcher and Co. had left New York for Liverpool on the 1st September, with a cargo of tobacco, hides, bacon, and cotton. On the night of the 6th, at about nine p.m., it was first discovered that the vessel was on fire, and they immediately tried to extinguish it. At 6 a.m. on the morning of the 8th, the barque *Arrow*, now under command of Captain Wallace, and the *American*, officers and crew, were sent to take the crew of the *Diego*, if he would stand by. The captain of the *American* did so until 2:30 p.m., when it was found that all further attempts to put out the fire were useless. The crew, consisting of 33 all told, then abandoned the *Diego* in lat. 46° 16' N., lon. 37° 41' W., and boarded the *Arrow*.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

OPTIM.—ERIDA, 9th November. For Patna the rate remains unchanged, and of Bureaux sales are given at \$640.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank Bills, on demand, 3/161; Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/11; Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 3/11 to 3/11; Credits, at 6 months' sight, 4/10; Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/10; ON BOMBAY—Bank, sight, 2/18; CALCUTTA—Bank, sight, 2/18; ON SHANGHAI—Bank, sight, 7/2; Private, 30 days' sight, 7/2.

SHARZES.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—54 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,100 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$100 per share.

Yangtze River Insurance Association—\$160 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$255 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$65 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$175 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—50 per cent. discount.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—50 per cent. discount.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—\$160 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$60 per share.

Chinese Imperial Bond—2/10. Ex. 4/14.

SALES ON NOVEMBER 9TH, AS REPORTED BY CHINESE.

Dried Lily Flowers—17 bags, of \$0.20, by Kwong-wing-shing to local trader.

White Sugars—250 bags, at \$3.35, by Kwong-wing-shing to local trader.

China Root—300 bags, at \$3.70, by Kwong-wing-shing to local trader.

Black Pepper—100 bags, at \$3.60, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

Black Pepper—70 bags, at \$7.60, by Kwong-wing-shing to local trader.

Shells—5 cases, at \$40.00, by Kwong-wing-shing to local trader.

Tobacco—40 packages, at \$10.00, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

Red Dates—50 bags, at \$3.75, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

Fishmaw—3 cases, at \$140.00, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

Inferior Cardamoms—30 bags, at \$18.50, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

Camphor—3 cases, at \$52.00, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

Tea—100 bags, at \$3.15, by Hop-hing-tai to travelling trader.

Muskrat—10 cases, at \$50.00, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

Catfish—15 bags, at \$16.50, by Kwong-wing-shing to travelling trader.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & CO.'s Register.)

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Thermometer—4.4 m. (Wet bulb) 73

Thermometer—Maximum 74

Thermometer—Minimum 74

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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EXTRACTS.

BY AND BY.

In the street of By-and-by
Stands the charmed house of Never
Dreams from dead he must never
Who his fortune here would try
There's a pathos in the cry
As of impotent endeavour:
In the street of By-and-by
Stands the charmed houses of Never
Grave or gallant, low or high,
Dull or dainty, gross or clever,
You must lose your chance for ever
If you let it forth to fly
In the street of By-and-by!

THE SMILE AND THE SIGH.

A lonely smile, which smiled in sadness,
Once bailed up the passing barge
A new-born sigh, which ached in gladness
To give a deathless mortal ease
The Smile and Sigh soon formed a union—
A union everlasting, blest
Whereby, in brotherly communion,
Each worked to give the other rest
Thus, naturally their toils relieved
They lived in peaceful light and shade
No party jealousies conceiving
Of nought, not even Death, afraid
And when with friendship still unbowed
Fate caused them for a time to part
Each of the other kept a token
To prove the two were on at heart
Smiling, the Sigh to Heaven was carried
On angel wings one day,
While sighing, the Smile on earth still tarried,
And lost its charm to lifeless clay
Till thus the world was over dreary,

But since (as the legend saith),
Death's sigh gives life unto the weary,
Life's smile itself illuminates Death
—Macmillan.

HIS STYLE.

Late yesterday afternoon Brother Gardner was discovered roasting in a dry corner of the Central Market, and when surprised was expressed at his absence from the regatta he replied—"Wall, Izo kinder on do sport, ob course, but pullin' boats aroun' on da water does 'zactly come up to my mark." "You prefer a horse race, eh?" "Wall, 'dene sunthin' kinder fuful' bout a horse race, but since I lost dat gun betta on de hand host Izo kinder clayed away fro' dis pole." "You don't encourage rat-pits and chicken-fights for you?" "Oh, no, sah; Izo kinder for dat. I keeps right away from such wickedness as dese. Twee me an' you, sah, Izo a little peculiar. I don't keev much about dese common sports, but my style is to fall in wid some colored man who is just as fine as the Duke of Norfolk. And now 'That dear Duke' has come, has disappeared for ever from the town of Sheffield. belongs in great part to His Grace, and that he inherited the accumulations of an eight years' minority, it will be seen that about 230000 a year must be rather less than the actual amount of his income. But no, matter how great that income may be, no one has ever used what he inherited with great judgment—or with greater consideration for the wants of others; and if there was ever a man endowed with such wealth as this fortunate bridegroom in posses-sion—this dual representative of the aristocracy of Catholicism, the young man whom upon others, surely the Premier Duke of England is that much-to-be-envied person.

Witthall Review.

PLAYING THE HOST.

Simple though the task may seem at first sight, of entertaining a party of friends, all of whom have been on previous occasions more or less studied by the day or means personal acquaintances, it is astonishing how many will break down, running into one extreme or the other in their nervous anxiety to do their best to please. Mr. and Mrs. A. have a horror of dictating a programme to their guests. The first principle which they seem to inculcate upon a new arrival is, that this is Liberty Hall; play do just as you please." Those of the guests who are old intimates of the house may know their way about the place, and be thoroughly posted in all the resources of amusement. They will be less diffident than more modern acquaintances of the host, and may be disposed to take the orders of liberty literally, and to make their own arrangements for amusing themselves. But to the ordinary guest this injunction to do just as he likes practically means that he may do nothing that he does like without a fear that after all he may have taken some liberty that was not intended to be included in the *carte blanche*. There is a spurious *bonhomie*, which is really but a mask for selfishness, in this abandonment of guests to their own liberty. He soon learns that the majority of them shrink from acting up to the full letter of his leave, and if at last he finds a guest who literally takes him at his word, he is so thoroughly alarmed least his own comfort should be compromised by the other's free and easy conduct that he is likely to run the risk of inviting him again, unless he has some special claims as an old crony.

"Our right trusty and right entirely beloved cousin." And now let us inquire for a little space who this fortunate bridegroom is possessed of this dual representative of the aristocracy of Catholicism, the young man whom upon others, surely the Premier Duke of England is that much-to-be-envied person.

Witthall Review.

A certain young lady, possessing more than ordinary accomplishments for her class of life—being the daughter of poor but respectable parents—on the death of a wealthy relative, recently became entitled to £20,000. When the glad tidings reached the ears of hot neighbours many war admiring flocked around the hitherto neglected beauty, and there was no end to the overtures of love. Previous to the turn of fortune's wheel a young man of humble pretensions had been the lady's only suitor, but the knowledge of her wealth at once placed a formidable barrier in his way, and he contented himself with being a silent worshipper at a distance. Matters ultimately came to a crisis, and, in order to test the affection of her devotees, the young lady caused a report to be circulated that the supposed fortune was in reality a sham, the mistake having occurred through a similarity of name. The intelligence had the effect of causing the visits of the lovers to become less frequent, and finally cease altogether. The humble youth rejoiced at the change, and at once took the opportunity to console the mistress of the heart, who, to the surprise of all, rewarded his sincerity with her hand, and made him master of the £20,000.—*Limerick Times*.

DANISH ATTACK ON CROYLAND.

The Danish pushed forward with increased ardour, marking the line of their progress by villages in flames. To this date belated the incidents of the burning of Croyland, the destruction of the monastery of Peterborough, with its much-valued library, the massacre of the men of Elv, and, in the north, the heroic self-sacrifice of the Abbess Elv and her community at Collingham. These narratives are found in juxtaposition with anecdotes, which can be shown to be incorrect, and it is impossible in the details to separate true history from exaggeration of error; but there is no appearance of deliberate falsification, and it is probable that the main features of these sad events are only too truthfully painted. From the Abbey of Croyland the monks must have seen, by night at first, for a passage of two, the distant sky in the lurid glare of burning homesteads, and then the fire of mix-fatt'd hippocampi. For them there would be no mercy at the hands of the sacrilegious spoiler. The holy old abbot had the young and strong make their escape across the lake while yet they could. He with the aged and infirm remained to meet their fate with resignation. The fugitives, before they departed, concealed the more valuable property of the house, as far as it could be removed at short notice, either in a wall or in the waters of the lake; and then pushed off in a boat, carrying with them the sacred vessels and most precious documents, and found shelter in the wood of Ancang. They had vainly tried to conceal the altar slab, for it was too large to be disposed of, and one end per-possibly protruded from the water. The young men were obliged to leave it in this wise, for it was high time to be gone, but the old men pulled it out again and buried it so successfully somewhere that it was never found afterwards. The Pastor was restored, and then the abbot sang High Mass as for a festival, and while the servants of God were gathered in the holy place where angels fear to tread, exalted of God and man rusted in and slew the priest at the altar, and they meant to leave no living soul to tell their tale. The honour of killing the aged abbot fell to King Oskylf. Some of the monks had through the house. The old Lord Lethwin, the sub-prior, was killed in the refectory, and a boy-monk who was by his side, the little Turgar, a brave and beautiful child, begged to be killed with him; but Earl Siðor the younger took him under his protection, and, tearing off the sacred habit, threw round him a loose plaid-cloth. Daniel came. So he alone was left. A few days later—in the confusion at Moredham—when he effected his escape, and found his way back to Croyland, where the monks who had returned from their forced flight were standing, was—began round the smouldering ruins, trying to crush the last efforts of the fire that burned beneath. The poor boy had mournful news to tell. The abbot had been dragged from the heap of stones covering the place where the altar had stood, and most of the other bodies were recovered and identified.

The Month.

THAT DEAR DUKE.

To every well-regulated female mind, the rank and position of a Duke are very agreeable, as the sublimes of all joy that a woman can possibly attain on earth, for sultans or nobles do not share that a girl-commoner is eloquent of the import of Royalty. This being so, we find unfortunate people who have not been admitted into the arena of London Society, and have taken their leave of all that passes within its sacred *peripheries* from the too-illuminating pages of "Oxon" will understand the nature though not the extent of the siege laid to unaided possessors of the much-coveted *social* *concourse* by those fond mothers who have daughters disposed of in the Babylonian marriage-market. The gigantic efforts made by the Titans of Rome to Catholicism to capture and make their own that apostolical hero of romance who, at one re-members, was sketched from the life by the facile hand of the most illustrious statesman novelist the world has ever known; the intrigues of Monsieur Cœtivy, and his lay priestly efforts to ensure the folding of that sweet lamb in the maternal bosom of the Church—those were as nothing when compared to the frantic struggles made by weary mothers—united to their very eyes in the strategy of matrimony—and who know all the methods of attack and defence as well as the young man who has just passed "Student's honour" or ought to know.

"The Soldier's Poclet Pool," to secure for one of them their tender offering the pearl of grace, the Lord of Arundel, the Prelat, Earl Marshal of England, and the Prince of Wales of those fair realms.

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